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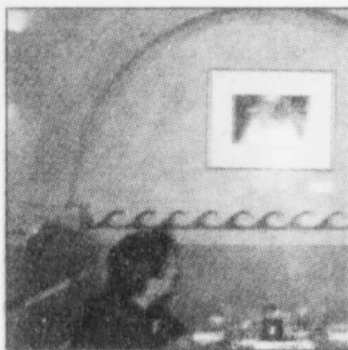
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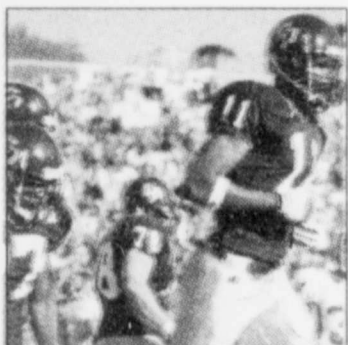
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Overall violence down, sexual assaults up

Camas Frank
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students uneasy with the news that an attempted robbery and sexual assault allegedly took place at an apartment on Leff Street Tuesday should remember that Cal Poly is one of the safest campuses in the California State University system, according to University Police Chief Bill Watton.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department apprehended and charged a suspect with assault, while he was allegedly in possession of the stolen property.

Though the number of sexual assaults reported has increased in the last three years, there has been an overall decrease in the annual number of violent offenses.

The Jeanne Clery Act statistics, released every year by federal mandate on Oct. 1, are timed to get attention ahead of midterms and finals, said

Fred Mills, administrative analyst with the university police. They mainly track violent crimes recognized universally in all 50 states.

"Most campuses have adequate enforcement. Some are better than others, but statistically speaking we're still a very safe campus," Watton said.

"Almost no matter where students come from, they're safer here on campus statistically. We're doing well here."

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—Bill Watton
University Police Department Chief

While the department charged with guarding public safety might be expected to project a confident image, numbers reported to the FBI, which follows slightly different guidelines than the Clery Act, seem to back up the assertion.



LAUREN RABAINO
MUSTANG DAILY

Both sets of data show that Cal Poly San Luis Obispo suffers fewer violent crimes, including rape, robbery, burglary and assault than do comparable schools in the CSU system.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Business junior Nikole Mackenzie won the award showcase on the gameshow, the "The Price is Right." She traded in the main prize, a party boat, for cash.

Price was right for Poly student

Camas Frank
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly business junior Nikole Mackenzie's studying paid off this summer, not by gaining a degree, but by becoming the winner of an award showcase on "The Price is Right."

Mackenzie organized a trip with 20 friends to CBS Television City in Los Angeles with the intent of making it onto the program.

After passing the preliminary interviews where the studio screens potential contestants for expressiveness and enthusiasm, Mackenzie found herself on stage, wearing a green Cal Poly T-shirt and being cheered on by her entourage.

"I've been watching 'The Price is Right' since I can remember. It's always been a dream to be on it," she said. "I wanted all my friends to be there. Usually I'm not much of an extrovert, but in this situation I made myself because I really wanted to be on."

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Is 'Joe the Plumber' a plumber? That's debatable

John Seewer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOLLAND, Ohio — Joe the Plumber's story sprang a few leaks Thursday.

Turns out that the man who was held up by John McCain as the typical, hard-working American taxpayer isn't really a licensed plumber. And court documents show he owes nearly \$1,200 in back taxes.

"Joe," whose name is Samuel J. Wurzelbacher, was cited repeatedly in Wednesday night's final presidential debate by McCain for questioning Barack Obama's tax policy.

Wurzelbacher instantly became a media celebrity, fielding calls during the debate and facing reporters outside his home near Toledo on Thursday morning for an impromptu nationally televised news conference.

The burly, bald man acknowledged he doesn't have a plumber's license, but said he didn't need one because he works for someone else at a company that does residential work.

But Wurzelbacher still would need to be a licensed apprentice or journeyman to work in Toledo, and he's not, said David Golis, manager and residential building official for the Toledo Division of Building Inspection.

State and local records show Wurzelbacher has no license, although his employer does. Golis said there are no records of inspectors citing Wurzelbacher for unlicensed work in Toledo.

And then there was the matter of his taxes.

Wurzelbacher owes the state of Ohio \$1,182.98 in personal income tax, according to Lucas County Court of Common Pleas records.

In January 2007, Ohio's Department of Taxation filed a claim on his property until he pays the debt, according to the records. The lien remains active.

At the debate, McCain cited Wurzelbacher as an example of someone who wants to buy a plumbing business but would be hurt by Obama's tax plans.

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Show

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Mackenzie had an opportunity to win \$10,000 early in the program but lost out. However, she went on to win a spot in the showcase round, where she guessed closer to the correct price for the items than her opponent, who she speculated was unfamiliar with the format.

"The other girl said \$75,000 and she knew she'd made a mistake. I didn't want to overbid, I went with \$21,000. That's around what the prizes in the showcase are usually worth," Mackenzie said.

"Nikole really studied for this thing. Her boyfriend made a bound book of cards for her with pictures and prices of all the cleaning products and stuff," said Matt Pergram, a fellow business junior and friend who took part in the trip.

"When you've got a group that size they always have one member on the show," he added. "It was kind of like a late birthday present for her. When they asked at the entrance where she was from she told them, 'Cal Poly' and when they asked her major (her boyfriend) said, 'The Price is Right'."

Both agreed the experience was different than the television portrayal. During the showcase Mackenzie was out of her friend's line-of-sight and was unable to hear them.

"Once I got up on stage, for the rest of the show I couldn't hear a word that (host Drew Carey) said. The noise from the audience was just too intense," She said.

"The audience is really a lot smaller than it looks, the announcer was all miked-up but we couldn't hear anything. They just used flash cards and kept telling us to applause," Pergram said.

Some of the funnier moments made it onto the small screen including and confused exchange between Carey and a nervous Mackenzie.

After winning the showcase, which included an Electra Craft party boat, living room furniture, and a set of ice coolers, Mackenzie said that her Cal Poly business training kicked in.

"My first thought was to sell it. I couldn't pull that with my vehicle so I couldn't really use it anyway," she said. "I had just taken a class on taxes and I was really worried about how I was going to pay on the value of this income," she said of the boat.

Fortunately, the studio offered her a cash prize instead, which she said would partly go to pay off student loans. Mackenzie kept the other prizes.

"Nikole always has a smile on her face and just a great personality to be around. It was just a really cool experience for all of us," Pergram said.

Crime

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CSU Chico, which has a slightly smaller student body but is similar to Cal Poly in size and city community, reported 27 on-campus offenses last year compared to Cal Poly's 24. Both showed fluctuations in individual categories but remained generally consistent with the previous year.

"Stats don't tell you everything," said Mills. "There are many variables that go into the outcome every year. Often a series of burglaries, for example, is reported as individual crimes when in fact there is one perpetrator. When we

catch someone the numbers go down."

Similarly misleading is the interpretation of low numbers, Watton said. With a student body hovering around 20,000, an increase of one sex crime reported in 2007 reads as 25 percent increase over the year before, or as a total of five events in such a large population.

"It's a combination of factors... Because the numbers are just so low that they tend to fluctuate by larger degrees," he said. "I can't tell you why exactly they rise, but they may be remaining constant with more being reported."

For more information, visit the Cal Poly University Police Department website at www.police.calpoly.edu or call (805) 756-2281.

Plumber

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Wurzelbacher, a self-described conservative, had spoken to Obama at a rally Sunday near his home and asked him whether his tax plan would keep him from buying the business that currently employs him, which earns more than \$250,000 a year.

"Your new tax plan is going to tax me more, isn't it?" Wurzelbacher asked.

Obama said that under his proposal taxes on any revenue from \$250,000 on down would stay the same, but that amounts above that level would be subject to a 39 percent tax, instead of the current 36 percent rate.

McCain said Obama's plan would stop entrepreneurs such as Wurzelbacher from investing in new small businesses and keep existing ones from growing.

The McCain campaign posted a Web ad featuring the exchange between Wurzelbacher and Obama.

During an afternoon taping of "Late Show with David Letterman," McCain said he had not yet spoken to Wurzelbacher, and apologized for the press attention he had received.

"Joe, if you're watching, I'm sorry," McCain said.

Wurzelbacher had to deal with a clog of two dozen reporters outside his home on a narrow street lined with ranch- and split-level homes Thursday morning. No detail about the divorced father of a 13-year-old boy was too small: Was he

a registered voter? Did he have a plumbing license? Whom will he vote for?

Leaning against his black Dodge Durango SUV, Wurzelbacher at first was amused by it all, then overwhelmed and finally a little annoyed.

"I don't have a lot of pull. It's not like I'm Matt Damon," he said "I just hope I'm not making too much of a fool of myself."

He indicated he was a fan of the military and McCain but wouldn't say who will get his vote. He is registered as a Republican, the county elections board said, because he voted in the GOP primary in March.

Wurzelbacher said a McCain campaign official contacted him several days before the debate to ask him to appear with the candidate at a Toledo rally scheduled for Sunday.

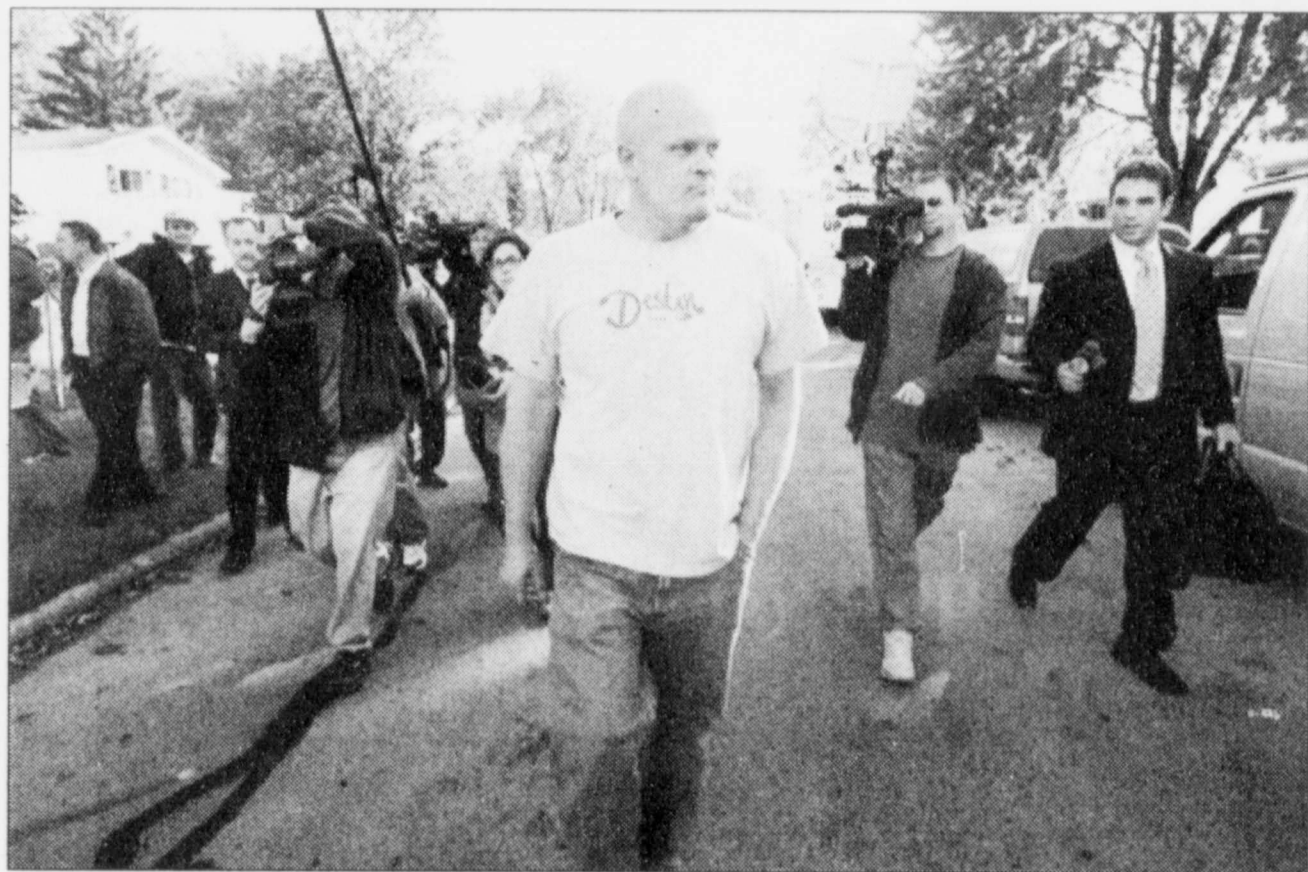
He told reporters he's unsure if he'll attend, since he's now scheduled to be in New York for TV interviews.

On Thursday in New Hampshire, Obama said McCain was misleading voters by proposing tax plans that favor the rich while criticizing an Obama tax plan that would raise taxes only on people making more than \$250,000 a year, just 5 percent of all taxpayers.

"He's trying to suggest that a plumber is the guy he's fighting for," Obama said. "How many plumbers you know that are making a quarter-million dollars a year?"

Wurzelbacher said he felt a bit overwhelmed by all the attention.

"I'm kind of like Britney Spears having a headache. Everybody wants to know about it," he joked.



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Joe Wurzelbacher walks to a neighbor's home followed by reporters in Holland, Ohio on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 16, 2008. Wurzelbacher is better known as "Joe the Plumber," the nickname Republican John McCain bestowed on him during Wednesday's presidential debate with Democrat Barack Obama.

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WORD ON THE STREET

"How safe do you feel in San Luis Obispo?"



"I feel safe because if I am on campus I can use the shuttle or find a friend to walk with."

-Vanessa Pulido
liberal studies junior

"If I am walking alone from the library I might get scared but for the most part I feel safe."

-Bryanna MacDonald
agriculture business freshman



"I feel safe but I think they could do a better job with lighting on smaller streets."

-Con O'Connor
business junior

"I feel safe because we are in a relaxed college town rather than a big city."

-Barr Hadar
animal science senior



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McCain tries to make peace with Letterman

David Bauder
ASSOCIATED PRESS

John McCain told David Letterman that "I screwed up" by canceling a "Late Show" appearance three weeks ago, then faced a sharp round of questioning about Sarah Palin and his campaign tactics.

Not willing to risk the wrath of Letterman again, the Republican presidential candidate rented a helicopter to fly to New York after a weather delay grounded his campaign airplane in Philadelphia. He had canceled a Sept. 24 appearance during the brief suspension of his campaign because of the economic crisis, and Letterman has been hammering him ever since.

The band played the Who's "I Can't Explain" as McCain walked onstage at the Ed Sullivan Theater. After he sat down, Letterman asked, "Can you stay?"

"Depends on how bad it gets," McCain answered.

Letterman had replaced McCain with the GOP hopeful's persistent critic, MSNBC's Keith Olbermann, on Sept. 24. Olbermann was waiting in the wings Thursday — and McCain had a pained expression when he noticed that.

Although Letterman said he was "willing to put this behind us," he came after McCain hard with questions. He asked whether Palin was his first choice as vice president.

"Absolutely," McCain answered.

He said he didn't know her well before choosing her, but that he was



ASSOCIATED PRESS/CBS

Republican Presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, left, talks with host David Letterman on the set of "The Late Show with David Letterman," Thursday in New York.

impressed by her reputation as a reformer.

Letterman repeatedly pressed McCain on her qualifications, asking if he was confident she could lead the country in a time of crisis.

"In all due respect, one of the people I admired most was an obscure governor of a southern state called Arkansas and he turned out to be a fairly successful president," McCain said, complimenting Bill Clinton. "Ronald Reagan was a cowboy, no experience in international affairs. I think she has shown leadership."

As Letterman pressed on, McCain asked, "Have we pretty well exhausted this?"

"No, no," Letterman said. "I'm just getting started."

Letterman questioned him about

Palin's claim that Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama "palled around with terrorists," and McCain backed her up, saying his opponent need to better explain his relationship with former Weather Underground activist William Ayers.

"Did you not have a relationship with Gordon Liddy?" Letterman asked about Watergate burglar G. Gordon Liddy.

McCain said he knew him. Then, after a commercial break, McCain said, "I know Gordon Liddy. He paid his debt, he went to prison... I'm not in any was embarrassed to know Gordon Liddy."

"You understand the same case could be made of your relationship with him as is being made with William Ayers?" Letterman said.

SoCal's big wildfires nearing containment

Firefighters neared full containment Thursday of smoldering remnants of big Southern California wildfires that destroyed more than 50 residences, killed a man and forced thousands from their homes.

Santa Ana winds continued to diminish but weather remained a concern because of low humidity. Forecasters said warnings of conditions creating critically dry vegetation would be in effect in many areas until 10 p.m. Friday.

For people affected by the fires,

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order suspending fees for replacement of many kinds of records and late fees on such things as vehicle registrations. It also suspended a waiting period for unemployment insurance applicants and statutes that might delay debris cleanup.

Combined, the three worst blazes burned areas totaling more than 35 square miles since the first broke out early Sunday amid howling Santa Anas.

The size of the region's largest blaze,

located in hills above the western San Fernando Valley, was raised to 14,125 acres on Thursday, but containment also increased to 70 percent. Costs of battling the fire reached \$7.9 million. Investigators have determined it was ignited by a downed power line.

A 4,824-acre fire at the east end of the valley was contained Thursday evening. Firefighting costs there topped \$4.4 million, the fire command said.

In San Diego County, a 4,026-acre wildfire on the Camp Pendleton Marine base was 90 percent surrounded.

The fire's cause was under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the state forestry department and the county Sheriff's Department, said Cpl. Priscilla Vitale, a base spokeswoman.

Marine Corps officials have stressed that the fire was not caused by any live artillery or explosive ordnance training. Vitale said that at the time the fire started a Marine unit was participating in a land-navigation exercise that did not include the use of any blanks or live ammunition.

Concerns have been raised by neighboring communities over the cause of the fire and another one last week that also began on a training range and burned 1,500 acres.

Vitale said base officials have restricted training at the base because a high fire danger persists.

Elsewhere, a fire that erupted on the edge of Cleveland National Forest on Wednesday was all but contained.

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California Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Millar shows California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger a burned-out home as he tours the Twin Lakes area of Los Angeles County that burned in the Sesnon fire, Thursday.

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Wrapped dead bodies of Afghans, who were killed allegedly by allied airstrikes in Nad Ali district of Helmand province, are seen at the back of a vehicle in the city of Lashkar Gah the provincial capital of Helmand province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on Thursday.

Afghan policeman fires on US patrol, kills soldier

Fisnik Abrashi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Afghan policeman hurled a grenade and opened fire on a U.S. military foot patrol in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing an American soldier and raising fears that insurgents have infiltrated the police.

It was the second attack by a policeman on U.S. soldiers in eastern Afghanistan in less than a month.

The patrol was returning to a base in Bermel district of Paktika province when they were attacked by the policeman, who was standing on a tower, the military said. The soldiers returned fire, killing the officer.

Training of the police force and

the Afghan national army are key elements in the U.S. strategy of dealing with a vicious Taliban-led insurgency that has spread in many parts of the country.

Militants in Afghanistan have in the past disguised themselves in police or army uniforms when attacking Afghan and foreign troops, but real policemen were responsible for the attacks Thursday and last month. Then, an officer opened fire at a Paktika police station, killing a soldier and wounding three before he was fatally shot.

The two provinces with similar names are both close to the lawless Pakistani border area and are the site of nearly daily clashes between insurgents and American troops.

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John McCain, angry man?

Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Biden calls McCain a longtime friend, but he said Thursday the Republican presidential candidate doesn't seem himself at this stage of the campaign.

"He seems a little more angry than he usually is," Biden told Jay Leno on NBC's "The Tonight Show," after Leno said McCain was making odd facial expressions during his debate Wednesday night with Democrat Barack Obama.

"John doesn't seem comfortable right now," Biden added.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc. shook off the economic turbulence to deliver a third-quarter profit that topped analysts' forecasts, supporting the Internet search leader's theory that its advertising system will prosper even in tough times.

The reassuring performance lifted Google shares by more than 10 percent late Thursday, even though the company's executives made some of their most sober remarks yet about the worst financial crisis since the stock market crashed in 1929. Google navigated through the economic shoals in the third quarter, earning \$1.35 billion, or \$4.24 per share.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Democrat Barack Obama extended his front-running campaign into West Virginia, a bastion of white, middle-class voters who rejected his primary season appeals, and confidently broached the subject of victory in a presidential contest playing out on Republican turf.

GOP rival John McCain found himself looking for a break as he was largely forced to defend his standing in states President Bush won four years ago.

"We are now 19 days not from the end but from the beginning," Obama told the crowd at a New York fundraiser a day after the final presidential debate.

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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) —

A Georgia grandmother who came under suspicion because all five of her husbands had died was released Thursday from a North Carolina jail where she had been held on charges in one of their deaths.

Betty Neumar, 76, posted \$300,000 bond late Thursday morning at the Stanly County jail, where she's been held since her arrest in May, Sheriff Rick Burris said.

Neumar is charged with solicitation to commit first-degree murder in the 1986 death of her fourth husband, Harold Gentry.

International

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) —

An intelligence officer and villager say a missile believed fired from a U.S. drone has hit a house in northwest Pakistan. There was no word on casualties.

Villager Javed Massod said he saw a number of unmanned planes in the sky before a missile struck the house just after noon Thursday in Kini Guram village in South Waziristan. The U.S. military and the CIA operate drones in the region that have carried more than 12 strikes against suspected militant targets since August.

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BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government sent blankets and food Thursday to help thousands of Christians who have fled a violent campaign against them in the northern city of Mosul.

The recent killings in Mosul, widely blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq, coincided with stepped-up lobbying efforts by Christians to ensure their representation in upcoming provincial elections in the primarily Muslim country. The president of the semiautonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq, Massoud Barzani, said the omission of a minority quota in a recently passed elections law was a "big mistake." He called on parliament to pass a new law that would restore it.

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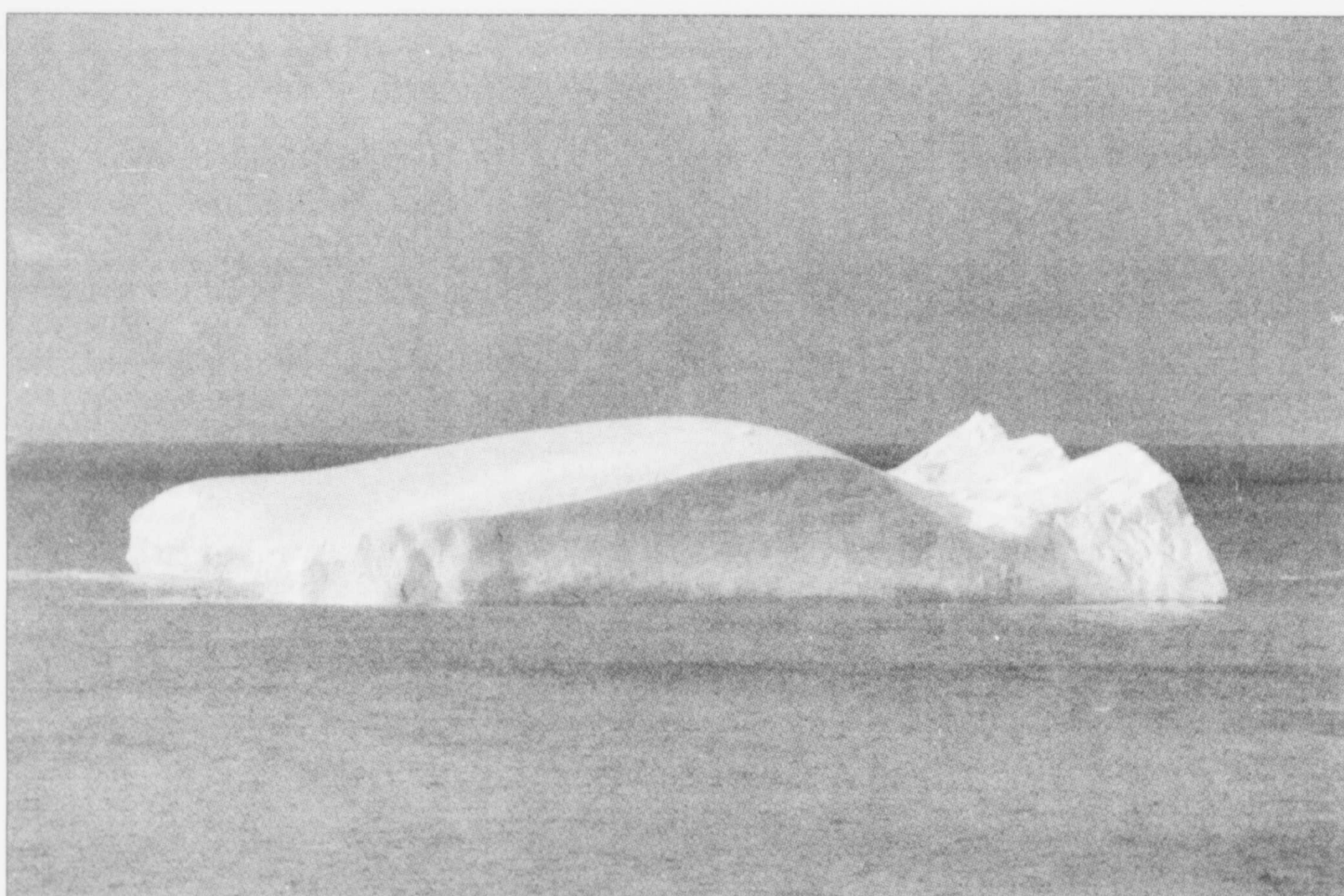
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PHOTOGRAPHER HOPES NEW EXHIBIT BRINGS ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSE



Joshua Ayers
 MUSTANG DAILY

In 1979, Sting and The Police sang about sending an SOS to the world.

In 2006 and 2007, while working on his book "Antarctica: The Global Warming," Los Angeles-based photographer Sebastian Copeland did more than just sing about saving the world, he actually gave it a try.

His book is filled with photographs from his travels to Antarctica and is meant to bring attention to its landscape, which is in danger from the effects of global warming.

Copeland will deliver a free lecture and media presentation regarding his book today at 10 a.m. at Cal Poly's Spanos Theater. He will also be on hand later this evening at the San Luis Obispo Art Center, where an exhibit of his photography is on display to sign copies of his book.

The exhibit, a small collection of Copeland's photographs, features sweeping panoramic views of broken blue ice as well as monstrous, sculpture-like icebergs as they exist in the polar region.

Muara Johnston, assistant director at the art center points to Copeland's photography to show his concern for the Arctic area. Pointing to a picture of the phrase "SOS" spelled out in human form she said,

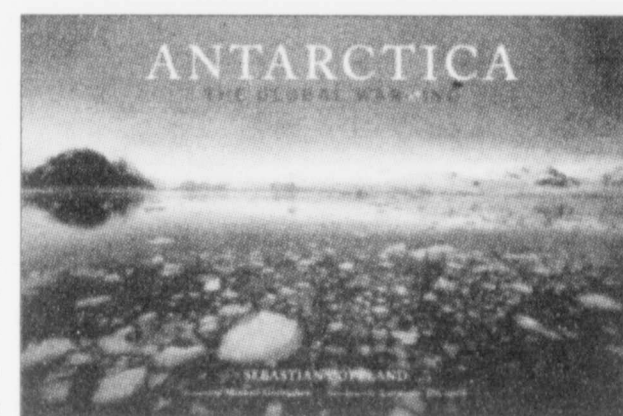
"... those are actually people lined up making the SOS and the idea, of course is 'help, the cap is melting'."

"He's really impassioned about the environment," said Gordon Fuglie, the curator for exhibits at the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

"These are images of Antarctica like you've never seen before," he said. "I think these will come as a surprise to our visitors just because we think of these mighty icebergs and so forth, and here these things are withering away because they are prematurely heated up. You know, out there, icebergs have broken away, but out there it's happening at such a rapid rate, comparatively."

Prior to his travels to Antarctica, Copeland had dabbled in cold weather photography while in Greenland.

"I was totally unprepared in the Arctic," Copeland said during a phone interview, of his initial ventures to the



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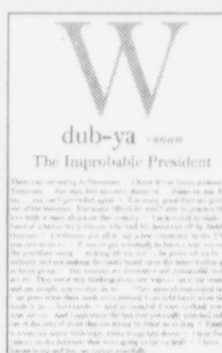
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At the PAC

Kris Kristofferson
Friday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m.
Singer-songwriter, three-time Grammy winner will be at the Performing Arts Center for a solo performance.

"Silents Please"
Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.
96-year old film organist Bob Mitchell will play with "The General." A birthday reception will follow for Mitchell.

Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival
Saturday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
The Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival will take place at Spanos Theatre and will feature short films that focus on several environmental concerns.

Off-Campus Shows

Downtown Brew:
Friday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m.
The Devil Makes Three (21+) will perform tonight, Friday October 17 at 8 p.m.

Linnaea's:
Friday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m.
Amber Gougis: acoustic soul
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Amanda West
Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.
Amy Meyers: inspirational folk
Gary Garrett: singer/songwriter

PHOTOGRAPHS BRING FOREIGN SIGHTS TO DOWNTOWN

Bridget Veltri
MUSTANG DAILY

Glorianne Liu unveils the mysteries surrounding the country of Afghanistan with "Afghan Perspectives," a photography exhibit at Big Sky Café and the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

"Walk the Block" was a dual opening reception at both Big Sky Café and the Art Center Thursday evening.

"I'm trying to create awareness especially in American eyes that Afghan people, Middle Eastern people are not our enemies," Liu said. "The people themselves are not our enemies."

Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at the San Luis Obispo Art Center Gordon Fuglie was interested in Liu's work for a similar reason.

"My work as a curator has always been to find things that ought to be better known that have maybe slipped off the radar... but deserve our attention," he said.

One of the more haunting photos on display at Big Sky Café is of a young woman taking off her Burka in prayer. The woman in the photo is the cousin of one of Liu's friends in Afghanistan.

"These women are shaped by their religion, unlike Western women," she said. "We are shaped by our education; they are shaped by their religion."

Anne Furtick of San Luis Obispo is one local that is familiar with that part of the world. She has lived in several Middle Eastern countries and visited Kabul, Afghanistan.

"I was interested in seeing her portrayal, they take me back," she said smiling.

Liu has been a photographer for 20 years. She has traveled significantly, documenting her journeys. Her trip to Afghanistan last spring was the 15th she'd taken since 2001. Liu explained that photography isn't always the reason for her travels but it is continually a part of them.

Karla Gibson is Liu's neighbor in San Luis Obispo and came to the reception to show her support.

"She is a lovely person and very intense about what she does," Gibson said of Liu. "She puts a lot of thought and care into what she does."

Liu received a bachelor's degree in art from Wichita State University and attended the Art Institute of Kansas City. There, she found her niche in candid photography.



phy. "I think candid portraiture is the insight into the human personality and into relationships," she said. "In a way we are all ordinary, but in a way each individual is extraordinary...almost everyone has something that is extraordinary."

Liu has traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and Central Asia, although the photos are from her most recent trip to Afghanistan.

As a result of her many trips to that part of the world, she has formed close friendships with some of her photographic subjects.

"I like to do candid portraiture, but I like to build a relationship with my subjects so that it sort of becomes a personal story," she said.

Liu thinks that many Americans have misconceptions about Afghanistan and its people, and associate the country with Osama Bin Laden and the September 11 attacks. She hopes that her photos will give the average American perspective about the people of Afghanistan and insight into their everyday lives.

"I want to show a culture," she said. "I want to show that there are human beings there."

Although the focus of her photos may be the culture and people of Afghanistan, Liu has strong opinions about American involvement in the country.

"The Taliban is making resurgence... absolutely we cannot leave Afghanistan," she said. "The military presence should not be the primary reason for us going, we should be there in a capacity of health care and education."

Liu was awarded a gold medal in Black and White Magazine's annual photo contest for her photographic

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Local organizations team up to spread political awareness

Samantha MacConnell

MUSTANG DAILY

With only three days remaining to register to vote, students scrambling to have a voice in the upcoming election will have a final opportunity at The Last Chance Dance, this Saturday. The event starts at 7 p.m. at Odd Fellow's Hall on Dana Street and will allow students to register as well as dance the night away.

Students and community members will have a chance to get involved in local issues Sunday night at Chumash Auditorium. The New American Revival, which will take place at 7 p.m., will feature author and renowned environmental activist Diane Wilson, as well as a variety of bands.

Both events are being coordinated by a coalition of several local organizations who aim to bring social and political awareness to Cal Poly students and the community at large. CodePink, an international group for peace and social justice, along with Cal Poly's Progressive Student Alliance, the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility and the Earth Day Alliance are all working to inform San Luis Obispo residents about ways to get involved in their communities.

"We are hoping people will connect the dots and understand that this is a crucial election," said Dian Sousa, coordinator of CodePink. "People need to vote, especially young people. Their vote does count," she said of the Last Chance Dance.

"It's an opportunity to learn more about their community and participate," said event music coordinator Jan Allenspach, of the Last Chance Dance. "It's a really good opportunity for (students) to be a part of the change that we need to happen."



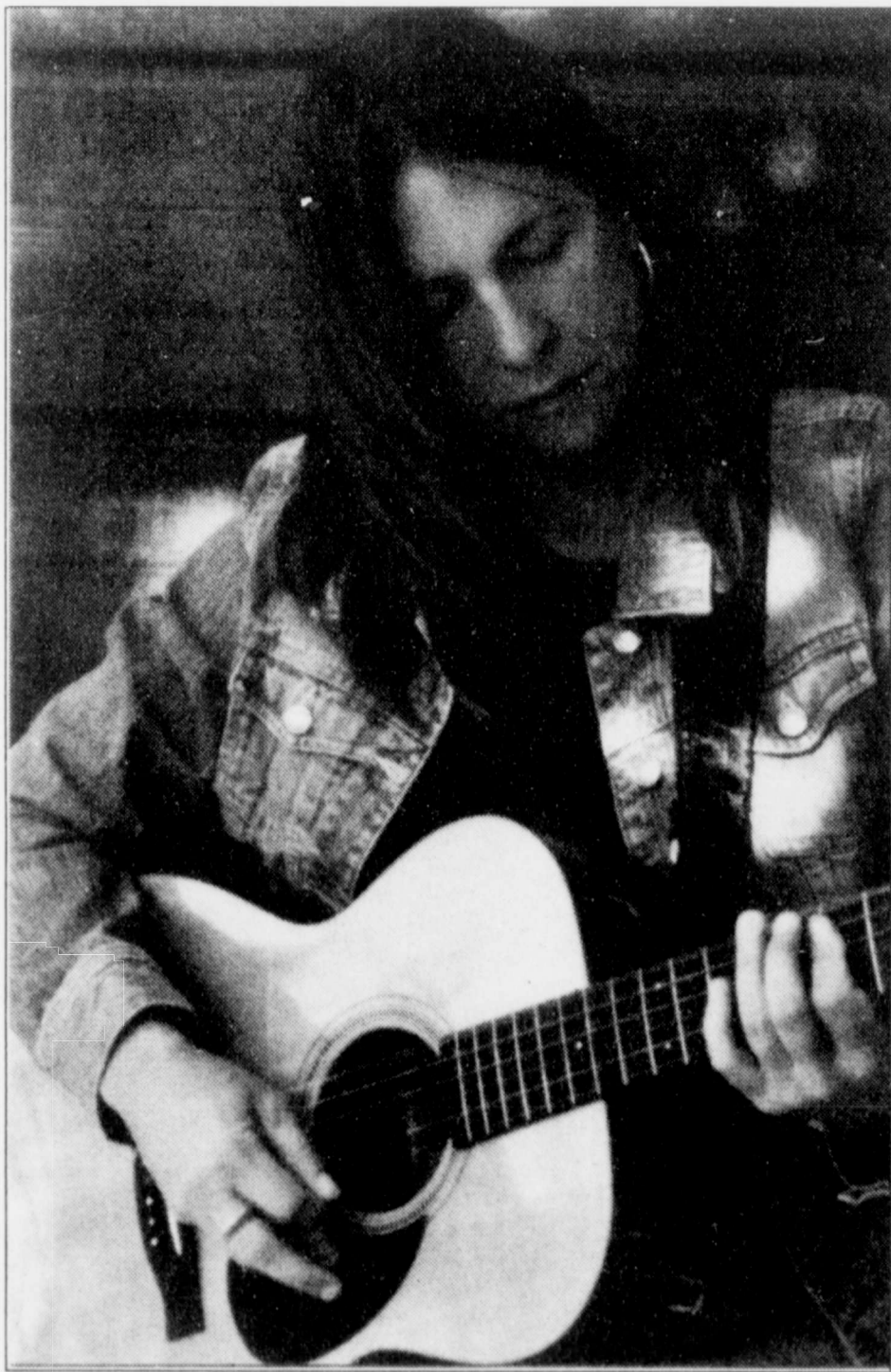
"I think it'll be a great turnout. We're going to get people from different walks of life," Sousa said.

Lizzie West and Baba Buffalo of the all-girl punk band, "The Dirty Pink Slips" will perform their reggae and funk sound at both events, along with musician Jill Knight.

Their song entitled "19 Miles to Baghdad" has been featured on NPR's Democracy Now! For an introduction to the duo, tune in for an appearance tonight on KCPR's "Miles Ahead" at 8 p.m.

Tickets to the Last Chance Dance are \$8 for students with a valid student I.D.

The New American Revival will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in Cal Poly's Chumash Auditorium. Students get in free with I.D. and adult tickets cost \$20. They can be purchased at Boo Boo Records; a limited amount will be available at the door.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jill Knight (above) and The Dirty Pink Slips (below left) will perform at "The Last Chance Dance." The event is designed to encourage local voter participation.

"It's a fun way to entice people to vote," Sousa said.

"The world is in a scary place right now and we hope that the event will bring everyone together," Allenspach added.

At The New American Revival, author Diane Wilson will speak about her new book "Holy Roller," which recounts her childhood in Texas and speaks of the dangers facing the environment. Wilson began her environmental activism after discovering that Calhoun County, where she once lived, was the primary toxic polluter in the nation.

As she tried to uncover exactly what the chemical plants were putting into the bays, she found a passion as an environmentalist.

"She has this southern accent and she just speaks from her heart," Sousa said of Wilson. "You get inspired to go out and change the world. I think we can do so much for our planet and each other if (we are) wide awake."

Antarctica

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icy region.

However, the learning experience proved worthwhile, as Copeland knew what equipment would be more realistic for shooting in cold environments when he went to Antarctica.

Copeland, who is in his 40s and works from his Los Angeles-based studio, has been published on numerous occasions and has also been the recipient of major photography awards such as the two first places he received at the International Photography Awards in 2006 as well as 2007.

Primarily a fashion and celebrity designer, Copeland has drifted into the realm of environmental photography, through which he has rubbed shoulders with some of the world's most notable environmental figures.

"Sebastian was really a fashion and celebrity photographer for many years, doing the covers of magazines (such as) Vanity Fair and that kind of thing," said Johnson.

"He went to Antarctica and was so moved by what he experienced there that he then became involved with Mikhail Gorbachev."

Gorbachev has become well

known as environmental and humanitarian activist through his organization Green Cross International. Copeland sits on the board of an organization called Global Green USA, dubbed a "sister organization" of Green Cross, operates in the U.S.

In addition to his ties with Gorbachev, Copeland has also established a relationship with famed cinematic celebrity Leonardo DiCaprio — the director, co-producer, narrator and writer of the 2007 environmental documentary The 11th Hour.

Gorbachev provided the forward for the book while DiCaprio penned the introduction.

The Copeland show will precede several global warming-based events, including an exhibition of painter J.J. L'Heureux's works on Antarctic ice and light starting Oct. 29, as well as a lecture on the effects of global warming by ecotourism guru and adjunct Cal Poly journalism professor Kim Lisagor on November 2.

"The pair shows a painter's experience, a professional photographer's experience (and) is going to present a real rich, aesthetic array of things to consider," Fuglie said.

Copeland hopes his photographs will leave a lasting impression on his viewers. "To preserve Antarctica is another way to preserve ourselves," he said.

Photographs

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work in Afghanistan.

Fuglie admires Liu for her work and her bravery.

"She is one very gutsy lady... these are trouble spots, places that are not safe... she goes there and connects with people and brings back images that are very rich and humane," he said.

Hanging on the walls of a local gallery with people meandering by

or displayed in a modern downtown restaurant as diners gobble up their meal beneath them, Liu's photographs radiate perspective about a country a world away in culture and custom but not necessarily in heart.

"When you see photographs like these, the mysterious part of Afghanistan that will stay with you," Liu said. "It will stay with you until you see (visit) it, and then you understand."

The photos will be on display at the San Luis Obispo Art Center through the end of November.



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Stop trying to make 'maverick' happen!

If I were Tom Cruise, I would be pissed. I would be upset because John McCain and the Republicans are trying to change the badass, aviator shades-wearing "Top Gun" character image into that of a cranky old politician desperately trying to get a position I'm fairly sure he would use to take the country in the wrong direction.

The original definition of the term "maverick" came from Texas rancher Samuel Maverick's refusal to brand his cattle because, according to his critics, that allowed him to claim all unbranded cattle as his own. Maybe the same strategy applies to third party and undeclared voters: anyone can claim those votes up until the election.

No one wants to know whether McCain is branded or not, but the term's other definition, of an independent thinker or nonconformist can't be applied to a man who switches his stances on issues (aka "flip-flopping" — remember that dastardly insult from the last presidential election?) and is running on a major party ticket.

He claims to work on both sides of party lines and his moderate views and frequent changes of heart regarding issues prove he has no strong convictions of his own. Not that a closed-minded attitude is good for a leader, but it sure eliminates the maverick title. "Works well with others" would probably not show up in a maverick's job evaluation.

However, McCain is the mascot of the Republican Party right now (just like real mavericks are to Mesa State College, University of Texas at Arlington, Minnesota State University, Mankato and University of Nebraska, Omaha, according to the giver of all knowledge, Wikipedia).

He's their last and only hope (and I doubt that he, unlike Obi-Wan Kenobi, has the skills to actually follow through) for any kind of redemption after the Bush administration. As a party, their entire identity is being taken over by a never-ending list of scandals, rights violations and policy flameouts over the last eight years.

This is a campaign that is so desperate it'll resort to signing on a "who the heck is that?" governor from Alaska as a running mate just because of an x chromosome. Since Sarah Palin's unexpected entrance into this race, the political battlefield has become a danger zone ("Top Gun" reference intended).

Wednesday's presidential debate became personal (and not just for Joe the Plumber) and I think the mudslinging will get dirtier, pettier and just plain desperate as we get closer to Nov. 4.

In the long run, I don't want McCain tricking the American people into thinking he has rights to something he does not. Like Samuel Maverick back in the 19th century, I hope his excuses don't fog the judgment of those around him. For all his and Palin's talk of him being an independent thinker who will do what's needed, his past portrays a politician who is in it to win it, not stay true to any set of stances on issues.

To borrow a phrase from "Mean Girls," stop trying to make "maverick" happen!

Giana Magnoli is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily managing editor. She has "Danger Zone" stuck in her head and is OK with it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is 'number whatever' anonymous?

It is ironic that "number whatever," the Mustang Daily guest columnist, wishes to remain anonymous ("The story of a number reduced to zero"). Perhaps I missed the point of his/her guest commentary, but I thought s/he was bemoaning his/her apparent expendability within the CSU system. Putting a name in the place of a number would seem a logical, bold, indeed empowering next step towards reaffirming his/her pride of service to country and heartless system.

Brian G. Kennelly
modern languages and literatures
department chair and professor



I don't have much time to comment on this story; I have a stack of work to correct. Even though I am one of the "numbers" deemed expendable by the department, I am still beholden to my students until December.

The powers that be at Cal Poly are clearly mismanaging funds when they start sacrificing the quality and the quantity of instruction. The "numbers" — aka part-time lecturers — who lost their jobs this holiday season worked tirelessly to ensure they "ranked" high.

We worked for a fraction of what tenured professors earn. We took classes at 7 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m., often at the expense of our family time. We worked hard to bring new ideas to general education courses. We taught the courses no one else wanted to teach, and we did so cheerfully — because we love teaching.

In lieu of keeping those dedicated instructors employed during lean times, Cal Poly squandered their reserves, erecting fancy buildings and neon signs. Will those engage students' minds when we're gone? Will they offer more sections of impacted courses? How will a new sign or a walk way foster critical thinking?

So, congratulations: you've created an eco-friendly, aesthetically pleasing campus. But at what expense? Perhaps your human resources should have been a higher priority than pleasing the CSU dignitaries who 'ooh' and 'ahh' at ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Caveats for those departments ranking instructors like cattle going to auction: you'll never know what I meant to my students. And to the money managers, you have grossly miscalculated when you place more value on a swimming pool than professors.

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Response to "The story of a number reduced to zero"

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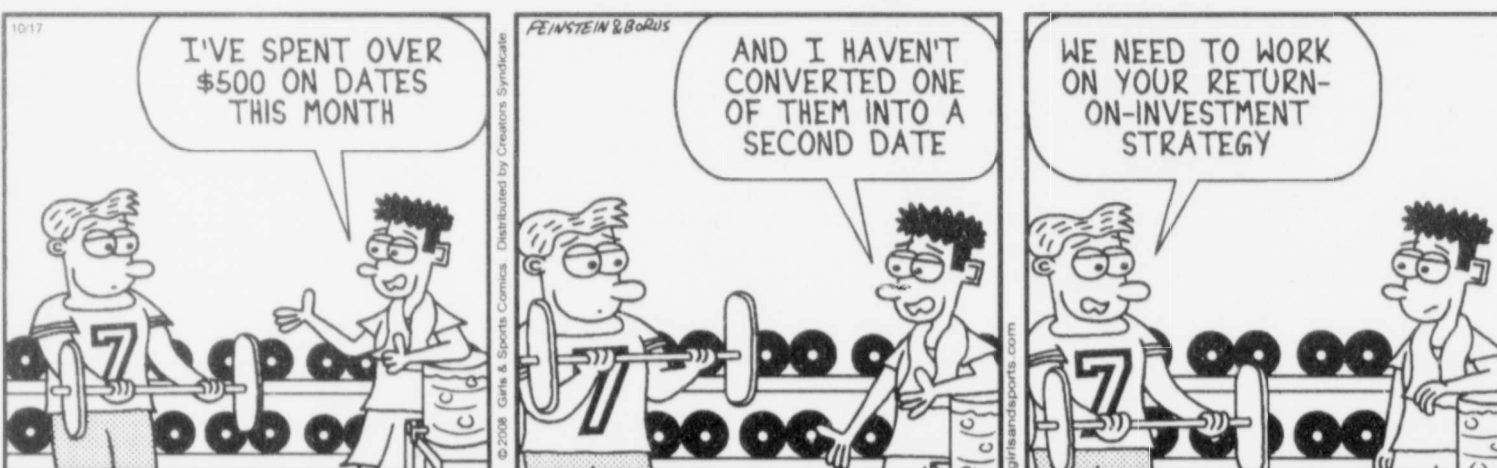
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TEEN PUZZLEMAKER WEEK

Note: All the daily crosswords this week, Monday through Saturday, have been contributed by puzzlemakers under the age of 20. Today's crossword is by Natan Last, 17, of Brooklyn. He is a first-year student at Brown University. This is his sixth puzzle for The Times.

- Across**
- Dance that simulates the drama of a bullfight
 - Chuck wagon fare
 - 1978 Bob Marley hit whose title words are sung four times before "... that I'm feelin'"
 - Faux Japanese reply
 - One needing kisses, say
 - Jazz duo?
 - Nooks for books, maybe
 - Furry folivores
 - It may be set with music
 - Cudgel
 - Believers' comments
 - Escaped
 - 31 Sound at an auto race
 - 32 It holds the line
 - 33 Foot of the Appian Way?
 - 34 Trouble, in a way
 - 35 Locale of some mirrors
 - 36 Letter-shaped girder
 - 38 Lord John Boyd, winner of the 1949 Nobel Peace Prize
 - 39 Study, say
 - 41 Winston Churchill's Rufus, for one
 - 42 They know the drill
 - 44 Turned up
 - 45 Child's play, perhaps
 - 46 Snitch
 - 47 Company that makes Aunt Jemima syrup
 - 51 Area next to an ambulatory
 - 55 Letter-shaped fastener
 - 56 Daydreaming
 - 58 Days of old
 - 59 Worked the docks
 - 60 Waste of Congress?
 - 61 "You got it!"
- Down**
- Early Inverness resident
 - Cadaverous
 - Tickle's cry
 - "You have got to be kidding!"
 - The Divine, to da Vinci
 - City at the mouth of the Fox River
 - Shade of red
 - "She was ___ in slacks" (part of an opening soliloquy by Humbert Humbert)
 - Baddie
 - Shady spot in a 52-Down
 - Cousin of a cassowary
 - ___ fee
 - One with fire power?
 - Trick-taking game
 - March instrument?
 - Out
 - Au courrant
 - Keen
 - Nutrition units
 - 40 God of life, death and fertility who underwent resurrection
 - 41 Pattern sometimes called "Persian pickles"
 - 43 "I'm very disappointed in you"
 - 46 Song verse
 - 47 Canal cleaner
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Natan Last

- 28 Some essays
- 29 "A Lonely Rage" autobiographer Bobby
- 30 The farmer's wife in "Babe"
- 31 Did a farrier's work
- 35 Start to like
- 37 Energetic 1960s dance with swiveling and shuffling
- 40 God of life, death and fertility who underwent resurrection
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Football

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sons. This year is no different.

"They do a good job of trying to schedule a bye before they play us," Ellerson said. "They recognize the challenge that we present because of our uniqueness and they try to do a good job of mitigating that by having the extra preparation time."

That break may have stung more this year.

The Jackrabbits (3-3) lost to McNeese State 46-44 in triple overtime Oct. 4.

"That was the toughest loss we've

suffered in my tenure," 12th-year Jackrabbits head coach John Stiegelmeier said. "I think the healing over the bye was good — not the healing of our bodies, but the healing of our spirit."

Stiegelmeier was straightforward when asked if the game is must-win in order to stay in the playoff hunt.

"It is," he said.

The Mustangs (3-1) are also coming off of a bye, after breezing by South Dakota 49-22 Oct. 4.

They matched their highest ranking ever Monday by rising to No. 3 in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) coaches poll and No. 5 in the Sports Network media poll.

Stiegelmeier reiterated Ellerson's

assertion that the Jackrabbits — ranked No. 21 by the media and No. 22 by the coaches — served themselves well by deliberately placing the bye where they did.

"I think, advantage Jackrabbits, because of (Cal Poly's) unique systems," he said.

South Dakota State is 105th in the FCS in points allowed per game, at 33.5. That number might be even worse if not for 11 interceptions, the sixth-best total in the country.

If there were a team to mend those fences against, it wouldn't figure to be Cal Poly.

The Mustangs' averages of 459.3 yards and 39.5 points per game are both fifth in the FCS, senior receiver

Ramses Barden's 156.5 receiving yards per game are the most in all of Division I and senior quarterback Jonathan Dally is yet to be intercepted and leads the FCS in passing efficiency.

South Dakota State won't be ill equipped in a shootout, though. Its 407 yards per game rank 25th in the FCS.

Sophomore running back Kyle Minett is the Jackrabbits' leading rusher with 527 yards and nine touchdowns on 125 carries.

"He's great," Fullerton said. "That's a big part of what we focused on. The last few games we've missed some tackles."

Berry has completed 64 percent of 225 passes for 1,722 yards and nine

touchdowns with nine interceptions. His primary target is senior receiver JaRon Harris, who has team highs of 35 catches for 545 yards and five scores.

"They're a pretty well-rounded team," Fullerton said.

Were the Mustangs' numbers totals and not per-game averages, they wouldn't rank as highly. McNeese State's third-week cancellation of the teams' would-be meeting left the Mustangs with three byes over a five-week period that just finished.

"It was good to have those bye weeks to stay healthy," Fullerton said. "But now, after this week, it's going to feel more like a regular football season."

UFC

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After a disappointing performance against probable title contender Lyoto Machida in his debut, Sokoudjou rebounded with a win over Kazuhiro Nakamura.

Aside from a controversial disqualifying loss in his UFC debut, Cane has won eight fights, seven by knockout. He has never lost via decision or stoppage. Cane is also well known in Brazil for his jiu-jitsu, but he has never had much of a chance to use it. I don't see him getting a chance here, either. He takes a huge step up in competition against Sokoudjou, and we will see what Cane is really made of.

I like Sokoudjou, who has fought some of the best fighters in the world early in his mixed martial arts career, to win a slugfest.

Winner: Rameau Thierry Sokoudjou via first-round KO

Keith Jardine (13-5-1) vs. Brandon Vera (9-2)

Probably the most interesting of the fights on paper, Jardine and Vera are both coming off lackluster performances in their last bouts. Jardine was destroyed in 36 seconds by Wanderlei Silva, while Vera looked lost in a slow decision victory over unknown Reese Andy at his 205-pound debut.

While Jardine continues riding the notoriety from his split-decision win over Liddell, Vera was once thought to be the "next big thing" in the heavyweight division. But losses to much bigger fighters in Fabricio Werdum and Tim Sylvia forced Vera to drop to the 205 division.

Vera said after his last fight that the cut to 205 pounds was much harder than anticipated. Look for Vera to handle his weight cut better and dominate an overhyped Jardine.

Winner: Brandon Vera via second-round TKO

Michael Bisping (17-1) vs. Chris Leben (18-4)

The main event looks to be a battle of two men content to stand and strike. Bisping is coming down in weight for the third time, as the traditional 205-pounder looks to continue his rise up the 185-pound rankings.

This fight was supposed to take place in June, but Leben's legal issues would not allow him to leave the United States, and Jason Day took his place. The notoriously ill-tempered Leben claims to have straightened up and says he has been alcohol-free for several months.

Since winning The Ultimate Fighter, Bisping has been given the distinct advantage of fighting most of his contests in his home country of England. This fight will be no different, and the rowdy home crowd will be behind "The Count" the entire way.

Leben represents a big step up in competition from Bisping's first-round demolitions of Day and Charles McCarthy at 185 pounds. Known for his heavy hands and iron chin, Leben has only been knocked out by future UFC dominator Anderson Silva.

This fight will likely come down to who has the better wrestling skill, and I give that advantage to Bisping. He showed he could wrestle with a close decision win over Matt Hamill. With the crowd behind him, I like "The Count" to weather the fury of an early Leben barrage and use his size to get Leben to the ground and pound his way to a decision.

Winner: Michael Bisping via unanimous decision

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Fantasy Football Friday

COMMENTARY



L.J. a fantasy flop

Mat Adams

ON FANTASY FOOTBALL

Larry Johnson obviously doesn't own himself in any of his fantasy leagues. It was announced this week that the Kansas City Chiefs running back will sit out Sunday's game for "violating team rules." Who is to blame in this situation? Is it the running back for breaking rules? Is it the coach for sitting the team's top player? Either way, there is nothing you can do about the situation. So take a deep breath. It's fantasy football — have fun and make some moves.

Pickups and plays of the week:

Sammy Morris (RB) — Even though the New England running back struggled a bit last week, only averaging 2.6 yards per carry, he looks to be a solid bye-week filler this week against Denver. With Laurence Maroney out, Morris has been getting the bulk of the carries and has also been involved in the passing game.

Jeff Garcia and Trent Edwards (QB) — Take your pick this week at the quarterback position. Both QBs face sub-par defenses, making them good bye-week fill-ins. Garcia took over for the

injured Brian Griese last week and managed a good game leading the Bucs to a 24-7 win over Carolina. Garcia faces an easier task this week against Seattle in which he should be given the opportunity to air out the ball. As for Edwards, he comes back from an injury this week to face the San Diego Chargers' 31st-ranked passing defense.

Kevin Walter (WR) — Lining up opposite Andre Johnson in Houston definitely makes him second fiddle. However, over the last two weeks there has been plenty to go around with Matt Schaub throwing for 300-plus yards. Last week, Walter caught four passes for 98 yards and should do more of the same this week against a very weak Detroit Lions defense.

Injuries and solutions:

Tony Romo — The initial projection was that Romo would miss four weeks because of the broken pinkie suffered during overtime of last week's game. However, after practicing Thursday, there is now talk that Romo may play hurt against the Rams this week. It looks like he'll be a game-time decision and even if he does play, he won't be 100 percent and might not play the whole game. Given this, I'd advise to sit Romo this week. The 40-year-old Brad Johnson will get the start if Romo sits.

Joseph Addai — A slightly torn hamstring should keep your

first-round draft pick out for the next two to four weeks. If he is available, the appropriate add is Dominic Rhodes, who will start in Addai's absence. Rhodes had a respectable game last week, rushing for 78 yards with a TD against a tough Baltimore Ravens defense.

Change of scenery:

Roy Williams — The Detroit Lions have officially given up on their season after trading their No. 1 WR, Roy Williams, to the Cowboys earlier this week. In Dallas, Williams will pair up with Terrell Owens to become the most feared wide receiver duo in the league. This trade is an immediate upgrade for Williams, who can once again be considered a No. 1 wide out in fantasy leagues.

Have any roster problems that were not addressed? Since I can't look at specific roster needs I'd be happy to give any advice on your potential pick-ups, trades and sit-start decisions through e-mail. Good luck this week. Here are the byes: Atlanta, Jacksonville, Arizona and Philadelphia.

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HELMETS BY NICK CATANIA
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Mustangs look to put time off to use against familiar foe

Cal Poly, done with three byes over a five-week period, visits South Dakota State trying to avenge losses last two years

Donovan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

It may seem as if South Dakota State isn't at all the same football team that rumbled over Cal Poly last year.

There's no more Cory Koenig, the senior running back who took 21 carries for 259 yards and four touchdowns — including three on distances of 32, 46 and 52 yards — in the second-most dominant rushing performance ever allowed by Cal Poly.

"They ran the ball all over us just running the same play every time," Mustangs junior safety David Fullerton remembered.

And quarterback Ryan Berry — now a senior — is throwing nearly eight more passes per game than he did a year ago and almost 18 more per game than the mere 20 he had to loft against the Mustangs last season.



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
Cal Poly's James Noble (27), Stephen Field (78) and Ramses Barden (11) — all seniors now — line up against South Dakota State on Oct. 21, 2006.

Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson isn't buying it heading into the teams' meeting at 4 p.m. Saturday in Brookings, S.D.

"I still feel like the personality of their football team is in their physical running game," he said. "They do things the old-fashioned way."

Whatever way they've done it, the Jackrabbits have done it well against the Mustangs lately, scoring 23 unanswered points in the final eight minutes of a 29-28 win in San Luis

Obispo in 2006 and never trailing during a 48-35 win at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium last year.

"They've had our number," Ellerson said.

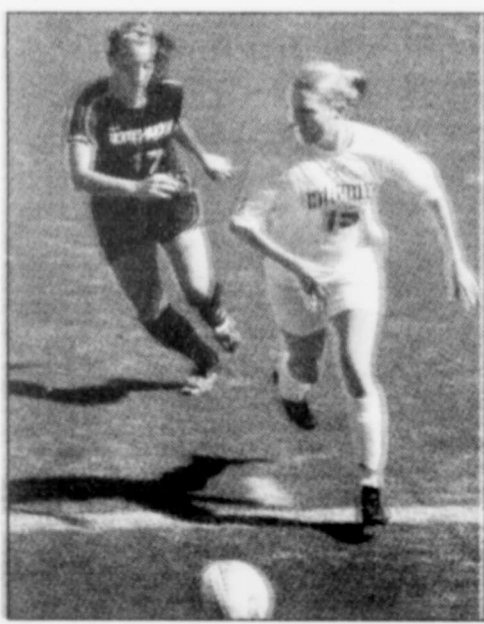
Maybe it's because they've had so much time to decipher it.

After losing the first two installments of the series in 2004 and 2005, the Jackrabbits placed a bye before the meeting each of the past two sea-

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women's soccer

Mustangs battle UCSB for conference lead



PATRICK FINA MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
Cal Poly's Tiffany Gummow (15) dribbles against Cal State Northridge's Sydney Vermillion during the Mustangs' 1-0 win Sunday.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Big West Conference supremacy is up for grabs when the Cal Poly women's soccer team hosts Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara at 5 p.m. Sunday in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The Mustangs sit alone atop the Big West, a half-game ahead of second-place Pacific and a full game ahead of third-place UCSB. A Cal Poly loss would set up a three-way tie between the teams.

"We're expecting a great game on Sunday," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said. "They're a good team and they're well coached. It's going to be a battle."

After a slow start to the season, the Mustangs (8-6, 3-0) have come on entering conference play. The backline has been stingy recently, giving up just three goals in its last four contests. Crozier credits the defense as a large part of the turnaround.

"We had a lot of little hiccups early on in the season, where we'd give up a goal here or a goal there," Crozier explained. "That's not happening quite as much anymore."

The defense will have to remain solid against UCSB (8-4-3, 2-1), which scores an average of two goals per game.

"They have a very dynamic group of forwards who are very potent on offense," Crozier added.

Cal Poly's last game, a thrilling 1-0 win over Cal State Northridge on Sunday, gave Crozier a milestone 200th win on a last-minute goal by Monica Hemenez.

"You couldn't script a better kind of finish," Crozier said of the heroics. "I think (200 wins) is a great accomplishment but I haven't really thought about it. I'm sure after the season it will sink in."

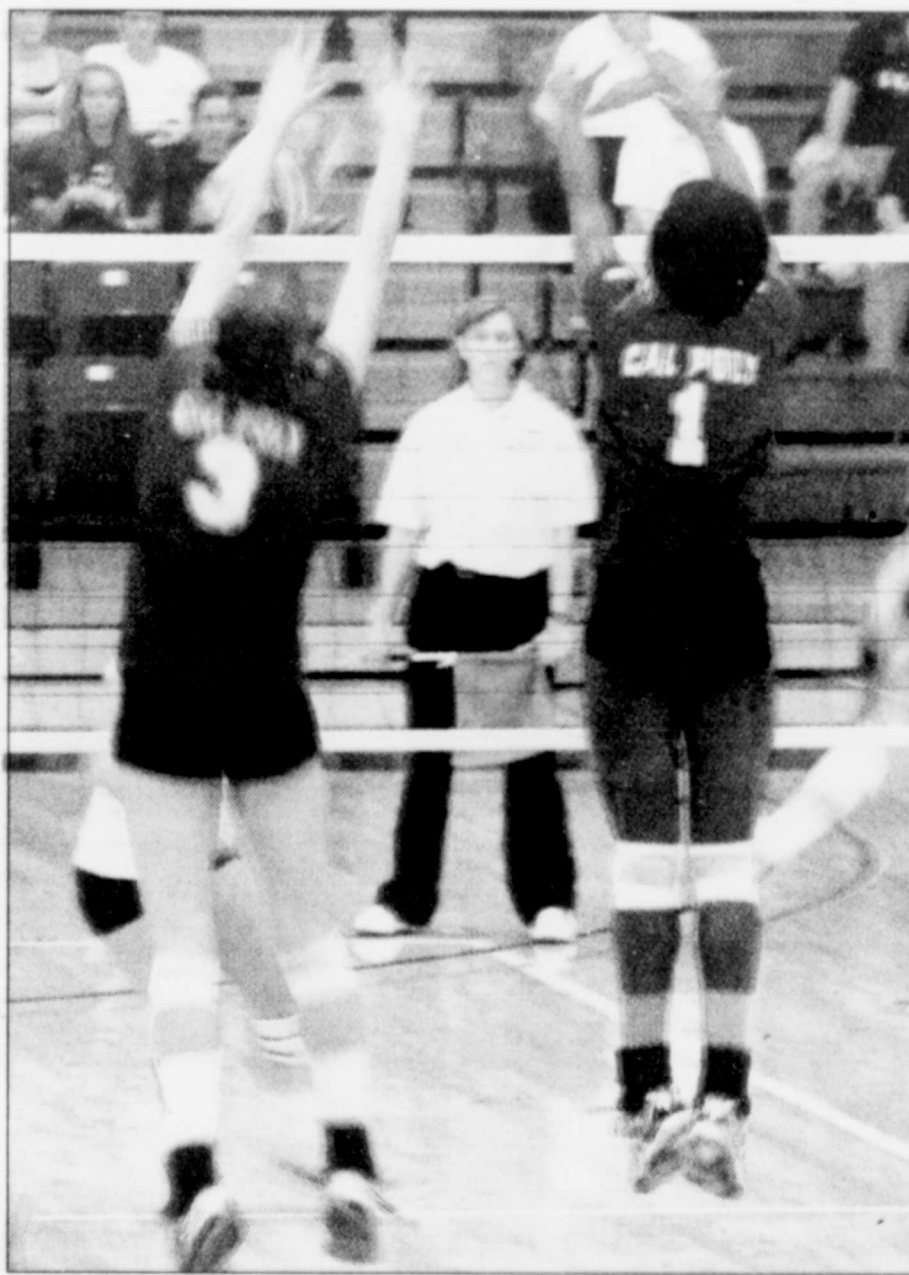
The Cal Poly offense will need to provide a big spark against probable starting goalkeeper Ali Cutler, who has just a 0.62 goals-against average this year.

Still, Crozier says the team can improve and has its best soccer ahead.

"We're still getting better," Crozier said. "We haven't reached our potential yet."

women's volleyball

Cal Poly sweeps away Gauchos



PATRICK FINA MUSTANG DAILY
Cal Poly's Ali Waller (3) had 13 kills and Dominique Olowolafe (1) added four during the Mustangs' 25-17, 25-18, 25-19 win over UC Santa Barbara on Thursday night in Mott Gym. The Mustangs (10-7, 5-1 Big West Conference) host UC Irvine at 7 p.m. Saturday.



The Silvey Lining
COMMENTARY

Party like it's 89

Scott Silvey
ON UFC 89

Cal Poly has a history of wrestlers-turned mixed martial artists, with former light heavyweight champion Chuck Liddell firmly entrenched as one of the faces of the UFC for the past several years. Chad Mendes, the Mustangs' top grappler last year, made his mixed martial arts debut last month with a quick first-round victory. With that in mind, I present my first MMA fight picks for UFC 89. The event will be shown free at 9 p.m. Saturday on Spike TV.

Paul Kelly (8-0) vs. Marcus Davis (19-5)

It seems like every card that takes place in Europe features a fight with an unknown European fighter like Kelly. Both of these fighters hold wins over a common opponent in Paul Taylor (who will also fight on the card). Kelly won a decision, while Davis won via submission.

While Kelly is undefeated in his brief career, his biggest win has been over the journeyman Taylor. Kelly will take a mighty step up in competition when he faces Davis, who just had his 11-fight win streak snapped by Mike Swick. Couple that with Kelly having last fought 10 months ago and this has the makings of a victory for the American.

Winner: Marcus Davis via second-round submission

Paul Taylor (9-3-1) vs. Chris Lytle (35-16-4)

This is another fight pitting a relatively unknown English fighter against an accomplished American counterpart. Lytle has sparred with some of the best fighters in the world in a career that has spanned more than 50 fights.

This should be another punchers fight, as Taylor is a known brawler and Lytle moonlights as a professional boxer. Lytle is coming off a demoralizing loss to wrestler Josh Koscheck while Taylor has lost two of his last three fights.

This may be both fighters' last chance to stay in the UFC. With all that pressure, I like Lytle, who has much more experience, to come through in the clutch.

Winner: Chris Lytle via third-round KO

Rameau Thierry Sokoudjou (5-2) vs. Luiz Cane (9-1)

Look for explosives early in this fight, which one would think may not last through the first round. Sokoudjou is making his third appearance in the Octagon after a two-fight whirlwind of destruction through the Pride middleweight division.

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